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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO **OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 5, 2002**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2002, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the original paragraph at page 7, lines 6-13 with the following amended paragraph:

As the assembly is brought together, as illustrated in Figure 7, the internally threaded fastener 60 is lowered into the aperture formed by the ridge 64, as illustrated by